

C7 BM A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-33522, WHICH DIRECTED THE ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH THE MIAMI BEACH GARDEN CLUB TO INSTALL BLUE STAR AND GOLD STAR MEMORIAL MARKERS AT CANOPY PARK, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FLAGPOLE FLYING THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: June 25, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Alex Fernandez.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

No

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Amend Reso 2025-33522, Installation of a Flagpole. (Fernandez) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, during the December 11, 2024 Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (“PSNQLC”), to discuss possible installation of Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Markers at Canopy Park, at the urging of the Miami Beach Garden Club (MBGC) and Miami Beach Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3599; and

WHEREAS, during the January 29, 2025 PSNQLC meeting, the item was discussed and the MBGC representatives gave a brief history regarding the Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Markers in Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Committee agreed with the initiative and the placement within Canopy Park; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Memorial Marker Program, which honors all men and women who serve in the United States Armed Services, has been in existence under the auspices of the National Garden Clubs for more than 79 years; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star and Gold Star were adopted because they had become icons in World War II and were seen on flags and banners in homes, churches and businesses, for sons and daughters away at war and for those who had lost their lives, and the Blue Star represents hope and pride, while the Gold Star represents sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the marker that the MBGC proposes to install was originally dedicated in Key West in 1949 then gifted to the MBGC, and MBGC refurbished and dedicated the Marker at the terminus of the Julia Tuttle Causeway on State Road 907 (Alton Road) in May of 1980 where it served as a Memorial Marker for 49 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 it was replaced with a new Blue Star Memorial Marker at the same location and the first Florida marker was decommissioned as a Memorial Marker, and MBGC is seeking to designate it as a Historical marker; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star and Gold Star will be placed in Canopy Park with a dedication plaque, making the Gold Star, representing the fallen while defending our county and freedoms, the first in Miami-Dade County and Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to refurbish and install the Blue Star, Gold Star, and a dedication plaque is \$15,000, and this expense will be covered by the current FY 2025 Parks and Recreation budget; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2025, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2025-33522, accepting the recommendation of the Committee and directing

Administration work with the Miami Beach Garden Club to install Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Markers at Canopy Park; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Blue and Gold Star memorial markers in Canopy Park be accompanied by the installation of a flagpole flying the United States flag to further honor and symbolize national service and patriotism.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby amend Resolution No. 2025-33522, which directed the Administration to work with the Miami Beach Garden Club to install Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Markers at Canopy Park, to further provide for the installation of a flagpole flying the United States flag.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *fx*

6/18/2025

Date